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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
M. EGAWA, et al.

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For: Composition For External Use For Prevention Of Environmental
Stress

AMENDMENT**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the official Office Action mailed August 23, 2001, (the time for response to which having been extended by virtue of a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and requisite fee filed herewith), in the matter of the above-identified application, kindly amend the same as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly substitute the amended Claims 18 and 19 for the original Claims 18 and 19 as follows:

18. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the thiotaurine is present in an amount of about 5 mmol/l.

19. (Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the thiotaurine is present in an amount of at least about 1 mmol/l.